



## Waterfalls



### Viewing Waterfalls In and Around Crater Lake National Park

Situated high in the Cascade Mountain Range, Crater Lake National Park is a great place to begin your search for scenic waterfalls. Melting snow in the spring and early summer brings many impromptu cascades and waterfalls. As the snowplows open the roads, more viewing opportunities are possible while in lower elevations access may be year-round. Grab your camera and enjoy their beauty while it lasts.

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### Waterfalls in the Park

#### Vidae Falls

Located 3.1 miles east of Park Headquarters on the East Rim Drive, Vidae Falls is a spring-fed cascade that drops 100 feet (30 meters) over a series of ledges on the west side of the road. With snowshoes or cross-country skis, it is accessible in the winter when it can be covered in snow or a lattice of ice. Snowplows open the road typically by early July, making this year-round cascade viewable by all.

Some parking is available at the roadside pullout but more is available in the picnic area across the road.

#### Plaikni Falls

Take East Rim Drive to Phantom Ship Overlook then drive a mile south on Pinnacles Road to the trailhead. Follow this trail 1 mile across glacier-carved Kerr Notch to see Sand Creek cascade over the side of Anderson Bluffs.

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### Highway 62 West

#### Rogue Gorge

Just east of Union Creek, the Rogue River carved a near vertical canyon through basalt lava flows. The interpretive trail winds half a mile along the canyon rim.

#### Natural Bridge

Just a mile west of Union Creek, on Hwy 62, the Rogue River again cuts through the basalt rock, this time using a lava tube to go underground. Views

from the 0.3 miles long trail are best during lower water levels.

#### Mills Creek Falls

A 0.3 mile trail reaches both Mills Creek Falls and Barr Creek Falls. The first waterfall drops nearly 174 feet while Barr Creek Falls is nearly 200 feet in height.

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### Highway 230

#### National Creek Falls

Drive north from the junction of Hwy 62 and 230 for 6 miles. Turn east on road 6530 and continue 3 miles. At the junction with road 6530-300, turn right and follow the road to the parking area and trailhead at the end of the road. Round trip to this

year-round flowing waterfalls is 0.4 miles. Roads are not plowed in the winter.

While driving along Hwy 230, you will see another waterfall, Highway Falls. Clearly visible from the road, this waterfall has no parking area or trail.

## Highway 138 West of Diamond Lake

### Clearwater Falls

Turn off Hwy 138 near milepost 69 at the Clearwater Falls Campground. Short walk up the river leads to a 30 foot tall waterfall.

### Whitehorse Falls

From Hwy 138, near milepost 66, turn into Whitehorse Falls Campground. The platform at the parking area provides a view of the 15 foot tall falls pouring into a punchbowl.

### Watson Falls

At milepost 61, turn south onto Road 37. Trailhead parking is on the right. The trail leads

up to a bridge below the falls and then to the base of the 272 foot falls; about 0.6 miles.

### Toketee Falls

On Hwy 138 near milepost 59, turn north onto Road 34. Go less than ¼ mile and follow signs to the parking area. Trail leads 0.4 mile using almost 200 steps to travel to the viewing platform.

## Highway 138 East of Glide

### Steamboat Falls

Near milepost 39, turn onto Road 38 and follow for 3.8 miles to Road 3810. Turn again, and after 1.6 miles turn into Steamboat Falls Campground. Nearby is the 30 foot tall falls.

### Fall Creek Falls

Pull off Hwy 138 near milepost 32 into a narrow trailhead parking area. The mile long hike leads up to the 85 foot tall double-tiered waterfall. Some moderately steep portions.

### Susan Creek Falls

By milepost 28, turn into the Susan Creek Recreation Area. The 0.8 mile accessible trail leads to a 50 foot tall waterfall.

### Deadline Falls

Turn off Hwy 138 by milepost 22 into the Swiftwater Recreation Area. The trail to Deadline Falls is the first ¼ mile of the North Umpqua Trail. This first part of the trail is accessible and provides a wildlife viewing opportunity as fish often try to jump the falls from May to October.

## Regional Map

